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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BEING NATIONALIZED

92.7 PERCENT OF WORKERS IN SOCIALIST SECTOR -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49

The following information is based on material contained in Statisticke Informace, No 12, 1949.

In 1949, the socialist sector of the construction industry consisted of 269 out of 3,128 factories in the entire construction industry, that is, only 8.6 percent. In the second quarter of 1949, these 269 factories employed 250,900 out of 270,700 persons employed in the entire industry, that is 92.7 percent. A total of 148,400,000 man-hours were worked in the socialist sector, whereas 158,400,000 man-hours were worked in the entire industry, so that 93.6 percent of the total man-hours were worked in the socialist sector. Of the total wages paid in the second quarter of 1949 (3,311,000,000 crowns), 94.1 percent (3,116,000,000 crowns) were paid in the socialist sector. In the second quarter, the total costs of the industry amounted to 9,046,000,000 crowns, out of which 8,530,900,000 crowns (94.3 percent) were the costs of the socialist sector.

In the second quarter of 1949, there were in the Czech Provinces 2,245 factories employing 175,600 persons, including 175 factories employing 158,900 persons in the socialist sector, which therefore employed 90 percent of the total labor in the Czech Provinces.

During the first two quarters of 1949 wages, amounted to 3,731,300,000 crowns and the total costs, including wages, to 9,294,100,000 crowns. Wages, therefore, amounted to 31 percent of the total costs.

The socialist sector of the Czechoslovak construction industry consists of 193 factories of state enterprises employing 214,171 persons, 55 factories of communal enterprises with 6,042 employees, 21 factories of cooperative enterprises with 2,653 employees, and the state and public administration with 27,973 employees.

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The private sector, with its 2,859 enterprises and 19,792 employees, consists of 944 enterprises of no more than two employees (total employment of 1,223), 664 enterprises with between three and five employees (total employment 2,512), 549 enterprises with between six and ten employees (total employment 4,158), and 702 enterprises with 11 or more employees (total employment 11,899).

**HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES** -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49; Rude Pravo, No 10, 12 Jan 50

The first stage of housing construction in the Five-Year Plan calls for 53,019 houses covering 3,534,306 square meters. Of this, 32,696 houses covering 2,683,957 square meters are to be built in the Czech Provinces and 20,050 houses covering 950,349 square meters in Slovakia. Construction costs are to amount to 19,293,000,000 crowns, out of which 13,316,000,000 crowns are to be spent in the Czech Provinces and 7,977,000,000 crowns in Slovakia. Some of these projects were started before the Five-Year Plan began.

By the end of 1948 (according to Statistické Informace, No 11, 1949) 7,751,000,000 crowns had been spent, out of which 4,833,000,000 crowns had been spent in the Czech Provinces and 2,917,000,000 in Slovakia. In the first half of 1949, 2,813,000,000 crowns were spent, of which 1,971,000,000 were spent in the Czech Provinces and 842,000,000 in Slovakia.

Altogether, by the end of the first half of 1949, therefore, more than half of the money allotted by the operational plan had already been spent. However, only about one third of the 1949 allotment of 8,129,000,000 crowns had been spent, that is, about 39 percent in the Czech Provinces and 26 percent in Slovakia. Completed construction had cost 836,300,000 crowns by the end of 1948 and cost 168,000,000 crowns in the first half of 1949. The plan called for ready housing valued at 1,042,000,000 crowns by the end of 1948 and ready housing valued at 166,000,000 crowns in 1949. In 1949, completion of construction is progressing faster than planned.

Whereas 28,600 dwelling units were built or restored in the Two-Year Plan, 21,000 dwelling units were built in 1949, according to President Gottwald.

**PLAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** -- Hospodar, No 48, 1 Dec 49

The Okres National Committee in Kolin decided to establish an okres communal enterprise, which will be gradually built into a large construction enterprise, combining all construction groups. The enterprise will carry on minor maintenance and small construction.

The North Bohemian Brown Coal Mines and the Stalin Works will build 118 new homes and reconstruct 400 others in Litvinov Okres in 1950.

The Tosta state enterprise in As will establish an auxiliary glove factory in Mariánské Lázně. It will be set up on the premises of the former "oplatky" (wafer-type confection) factory. It will employ 50 women in the workshops and 100 women at home.

Construction of a railroad station in Ostrava will begin in 1950.

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